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To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to support the FAA's proposal to upgrade in-flight emergency medical care.

The wide-spread inclusion of automated external defibrillators on United States registered aircraft has shown a tremendous increase in the number of people who survive from sudden cardiac arrest while in or near aircraft.

Even short routes such as Los Angeles to Las Vegas could take as much as 20-25 minutes (from cruising altitude) to land a 737 and get the person to emergency medical help. A person deprived of oxygen that long will surely die. CPR alone can not be effective for more than 5-7 minutes.

I'm glad the FAA is taking the steps necessary to insure the safety of both the flying public and the flight crews on our aircraft.

Respectfully,

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